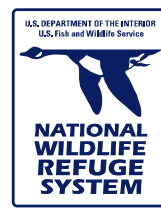


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BOMBAY HOOK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE ANNOUNCES FALL OPEN HOUSE ON OCTOBER 17, 2010

Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge welcomes the public to an Open House at the refuge on Sunday, October 17, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. There will be activities for all family members, which include:

Let's Go Outside - Bring your lunch and stay all day!

Tentative Schedule – All Programs are free!

9:00 am – 11:00 am	Salt Marsh Boat– Limited space and weather permitting. Call to register - 302-653-6872.
10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Bird Identification Station on the Wildlife Drive
10:00 am – 11:30 am	Mushroom Walk
11:00 am – 12:00 noon	Waterfowl Hunting Seminar with Al Dager, Avery® Pro-Staffer. Learn about waterfowl calling and proper placement of blinds and decoys.
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Live Animals! – Vultures, Owls, and Hawks – see them up close! Maryland State Park's Scales and Tales Program
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Dip net in the Brackish Water on Boardwalk Trail
12 noon - 1:00 pm	Delaware Bay Retriever Trials Demonstration
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Plant Identification Walk
11:00 am – 2:30 pm	Build a Bluebird House or Bird Feeder. One per family - while supplies last!
11:00 am – 2:30 pm	Games and Crafts for children
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Dip net in the Fresh Water at Finis Pool
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Bus History Tour – Building a Refuge for Wildlife.

Under the Tent – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Wildlife Artisans: Wildlife Carvings, Photography, Nature Artwork
Tri-State Bird Rescue & Conservation Organizations; Bringing Nature Home with Native Plant Landscaping
Junior Duck Stamp Program, Prizes for Scavenger Hunt Participants & Free Posters

Fall is a great time for viewing waterfowl and raptors. For more information on upcoming events visit the website: bombayhook.fws.gov.

Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge is located east of Route 9, north of Leipsic at 2591 Whitehall Neck Road, Smyrna, DE 19977.

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